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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC KVP Engineer Unit at FuenfeichenEVALUATION 25X1XPLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 7 and 8 April 1953DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 11 June 1953**OCT 6 1953**REFERENCES 25X1APAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. On 7 and 8 April 1953, source learned that Fuenfeichen Camp near Neu-
brandenburg still quartered the engineer unit of about 500 men commanded
by Major Kiesslich (fnu). Senior Lieutenants Pezold and Strakowski besides
Krause and Grabentin (all fnu) whose ranks were not determined were
assigned to this unit. Engineer equipment was, allegedly, stored in six
tents, which had been erected 6 weeks before near the camp. To the south,
the installation had been extended by about 100 meters. Two temporary
quartering buildings and a small target range were observed there.¹

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3. Source observed intensive training activities both at the camp and in the
area between the camp and the Muehlenholz forest. Details in the strength
of up to 200 men mostly did field training with hand arms, light and heavy
machine guns. No engineer equipment was observed with the training unit.

4. Source learned from that two Soviet advisers were
attached to the headquarters of Major Kiesslich, while one such adviser
each was assigned to the units commanded by Krause and Grabentin. The
ranking officer among the Soviet advisers was a captain.

1. Comment. It was previously reported by VP deserters that the
Fuenfeichen Camp quartered three engineer battalions during last
winter. The engineer battalion commanded by Major Kiesslich is believed
to belong to Armeegruppe Nord; the engineer battalion commanded by
Captain Teller (fnu) to the division in Eggesin, and the engineer battalion
commanded by Captain Krause to the division in Prenzlau. It is unknown
whether the three battalions will remain in Fuenfeichen during the summer.

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